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County Commissioner
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY – FLORIDA
District 12

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Dear Home Owner,

As Commissioner, my objective is to try to improve and inform the community as much as possible to better their quality of life. I am happy to announce that as of 2016 the senior exemption will be automatically renewed annually. The Department of Property Appraisal will be mailing the automatic renewal receipts the last week of December which include the 2016 income limit information. If you are a homeowner that benefits from this exemption but no longer meet the eligibility requirements, you must notify the Property Appraiser's Office by March 1st, 2017.

Homeowners who did not qualify last year, or who have never had the Senior Homestead Exemption, may apply this year before the March 1 Deadline. In addition, seniors who have applied for and received Florida's 2016 Homestead Exemption for Seniors will receive a \$100 check from Miami Dade County's "Save our Seniors Homeowners" relief fund.

Also, the voters of the State of Florida recently voted to revise the homestead tax exemption. So this exemption may be granted by counties or municipalities for the property with just value less than \$250,000 owned by certain senior, low- income, long- term residents to specify that just value is determined in the first tax year the owner applies and is eligible for the exemption.

Finally, this year we have implemented a District 12 beautification program that will be funded with community development block grant funds. The District 12 beautification program allows low income families to renovate their homes in the following qualified areas: Doral, Hialeah Gardens, Virginia Gardens, and Sweetwater. Eligible single family owner occupied property owners may receive up to \$3,000 in a form of a grant for exterior painting and/or landscaping. The applications will be available for pick up at my office starting Monday, January 9, 2017 and funding will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. Participation in the program is subject to availability of funds and is subject to change without notice.

If you should have any questions regarding your application or refund, please contact my office at 305-599-1200.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz